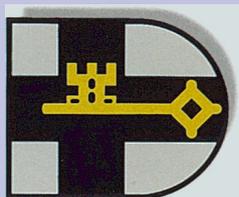
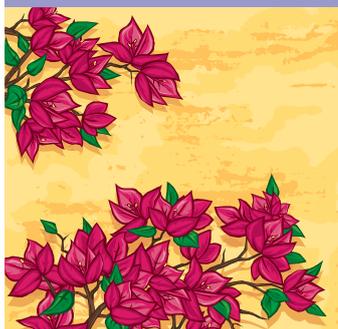


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Foreword by the editor

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the early summer edition of CTTA Newsletter. Just to update you all about our latest summer activities and news. The Rhade Youth Band and a Basketball team will be visiting Crawley between 24th June and 27th June. Their short programme is shown on page 2. Please do come and support them and see them perform. On Friday 25th June the Rhade Youth Band will have a concert for general public in Queens Square in Crawley between 11a.m. to 1p.m and at the Holy Trinity School at 7:30pm.

I must also inform you of a very sad news, the passing away of our long standing member and committee member Frank Merritt and also a long standing member Ian Ralph. Please refer to page 4.

As published in our earlier Spring Newsletter, the Main Group Visit (MGV) to Dorsten will be taking place between 21 to 29th August 2010. Geoff May who is leading the MGV is reporting that the coach is now almost fully booked. with possible one or two vacant places possible.

I have also included an article prepared by Marita Kipinski in German (page 5.). This article was sent already earlier by Peter Guenther, however not translated and was not part of the CTTA Newsletter—thus the “official” issue.

The committee had now agreed the next General Annual Meeting for 13th October 2010. I shall be issuing an official invitation with more details some-time at the beginning of September.

Well that’s all from me this time, and on behalf of the CTTA committee I wish you all a very pleasant and sunny summer.

Peter Klin

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[The Rhade Youth Band in Crawley](#)

The Rhade Youth Band will be visiting Crawley between 24th June to 27th June 2010. Among other interesting activities during their stay in Crawley they will be also performing. Their programme is as follows:

Thursday, June 24th—arrival in Crawley

Friday, June 25th — Concert in Queens Square (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Joint rehearsal with the Hol Trinity School Band.
Joint concert together with the Holy Trinity School Band (7:30pm at the Holy Trinity School).

Saturday, June 26th — Trip to London and evening party with the musicians of the Holy Trinity School Band and Crawley/Dorsten basketball teams.

Sunday, June 27h — Departure to Dorsten via Dover and visit to Dover Castle.

We wish the Band and the Basketball team a very pleasant stay in Crawley and happy memories with their old and new found new friends.

[Schuetzen Kapelle Rhade](#)

The Shooters Club's Band of Rhade is a non profit associaton and a powerful wind band consisting of about 50 active musicians. The main orchestra is performing at local festivals of all kind. Main field of activities of the band is light music and marching music. They specialize on parades, music festivals, music for church services and various concerts at town festivals.

The Youth Band "creates" new musicians for the main band and provides a good musical education. The children get a better social competition and train their brain. Beside music there are lot of other activities in the band.

Know your members

CAROL EADE'S RESUME

A little bit about me

I married Ken in 1996 and we have five children and twelve grandchildren between us. My two daughters and five grandchildren all live in Crawley. I am a Crawley Borough Councillor for Furnace Green and have lived in Crawley since 1957. I attended Sarah Robinson Secondary School and went on to a day release course at Crawley College for two years. I love dogs and have a cockatiel called Jinty who will be two this year and she does talk. Ken and I spent a lot of our holidays in other Countries and now my daughter and three grandchildren continue to spend our holidays abroad. We will be going to Turkey this year.

Our Experience with Crawley Town Twinning

My late husband, Ken, and I were first introduced to the Crawley Town Twinning by Frank and Christine Baker in 2002.

In 2002, on our first trip to Germany, we stayed with Rosie and Uno in Rada and they made us feel very welcome in their home and took us to many interesting places during our stay with them. On the journey to Dorsten, Ken was asked to prepare a speech for the service at the Church in Dorsten. He felt honoured to be asked.

The following year in 2003 we hosted a lady called Barbara (I am afraid I cannot remember her surname – which I apologise for if she sees this.)

We stayed with Brigitta and Klaus in 2004 who also made us feel very welcome and during our stay with them they took us to meet with Barbara. We went with Barbara to visit her son who runs a mining museum. He showed us around the many items he has collected, which are quite extensive and very interesting to see, and then cooked us a wonderful meal which we ate outside in a little terrace belonging to the building. Brigitta and Klaus' niece took us to Holland for a day's shopping – a wonderful experience.

During the year 2005 Annette and Carina came to stay with us. Unfortunately, Ken was diagnosed with cancer and was not feeling too well during their stay but others very kindly rallied around and took them out for us.

Sadly, the day before Ken's 67th birthday in 2006 he passed away to be with our Lord.

Then in 2007 I had a wonderful family stay with me. Mechtilde and her daughter, Alexandra, and son, Hendrik. Alexandra and I write to each other, at first almost every day, by e-mail but now roughly every week. She leads a very exciting life touring around many different countries and has many interests. We all enjoyed the many places we went to with the group and on our own.

In 2008, I enjoyed a wonderful time with Mechtilde, her husband Heinrik, Alexandra, Hendrik and her second daughter Frederica. They thoroughly spoilt me with good food and the many wonderful places they took me to see. On one of our group outings, we had a very cold experience in (what I call) the Ice Bar where a lot of items were kept in blocks of ice, even a motorcycle.

Unfortunately, in 2009, I was taken ill on the Monday whilst Mechtilde, Alexandra, Hendrik and her second daughter Frederica came to stay with me. I spent two nights in East Surrey Hospital and again people were very kind in rallying around to help. Mick and Marion had them to stay for a meal as did Jill and David in Three Bridges. We did manage to go on a trip together on the Saturday before they left and we all enjoyed the party on Saturday where there was a Barn Dance.

This year, 2010, I will be going to stay with Mechtilde and her family again which I am very much looking forward to.

4th March 2010

Obituary

Frank Merritt

Many of our long-standing members will remember Frank Merritt who passed away in St Catherine's Hospice on the 31st March after battling with lung cancer for over a year. He had been a Committee member for some years and drove the coach to Dorsten on our biennial visit on several occasions. He had many good friends in Germany. He will be sadly missed by his widow, Marjorie, friends and family.



By Judy Rayner

Ian Ralph

Ian Cochrane Ralph a long standing member of the CTTA passed away in January 2010. Ian and his wife Cecilia enjoyed many CTTA coach trips to Dorsten and visiting their son Philip who moved to and married in Germany. Ian will sadly be missed by his widow Cecilia, his children, grandchildren, friends and family.



Jeck, We Can (Motto des Düsseldorfer Karnevalssumzugs)

Was haben Rio, Köln, Düsseldorf und Dorsten alljährlich im Februar gemeinsam? Richtig! Es wird kräftig Karneval gefeiert!



Was unterscheidet Rio von Köln, Düsseldorf und Dorsten? Ja, genau, die Temperaturen! In Rio überfällt einen vielleicht beim Anblick der vielen spärlich bekleideten Sambamädchen ein wohliges Zittern! In Köln, Düsseldorf und Dorsten zittert man zwar auch, aber doch mehr wegen der eisigen Temperaturen, die sich jedes Jahr pünktlich zum Karneval einstellen.



Aber, wir lassen uns die Laune nicht verderben und schunkeln und bützen uns warm, und natürlich hilft auch das eine oder andere Schnäpschen, eine angenehme „Betriebstemperatur“ zu erreichen.

Das Spektakel beginnt jedes Jahr am „Weiberfastnachtsdonnerstag“, wenn überall pünktlich um 11.11h die Weiber das Regiment in den Rathäusern übernehmen und die Männer das Fürchten

Lehren. Auch unser Bürgermeister, Herr Lütkenhorst, muss jedes Jahr seinen Platz räumen und den Fastnachtsweibern den Schlüssel zum Rathaus übergeben. Zusätzlich erleidet er auch immer wieder das gleiche Schicksal wie seine Geschlechtsgenossen: die Weiber schneiden ihm seinen Schlips ab. Warum? Ich weiß es nicht! Eine symbolträchtige Handlung? Keine Ahnung! Honi soit qui mal y pense!!!

Am Rosenmontag fahren die ganz verrückten Jecken nach Köln oder Düsseldorf, wo die Umzüge Hunderttausende anlocken und wo die Motivwagen immer besonders originell und bissig die Spitzenpolitiker aufs Korn nehmen.



Aber auch der Dorstener Umzug konnte sich sehen lassen. Es wurden Kamellen auf Deubel komm 'raus geworfen, und nicht nur die Kinder hatten einen Riesenspaß.

Am Aschermittwoch ist dann alles vorbei, und in der nun folgenden Fastenzeit sollte das Motto „Zwischen Leber und Milz passt immer noch ein Pils“ mal eine kleine Pause machen.



Von Marita Kipinski, Feb. 2010

Translation Summary:

Jeck, We Can (Motto from the Duesseldorf Carnival Procession).

What has got Rio, Cologne, Duesseldorf and Dorsten in common every year in February? Carnival, of course. The only difference between the towns is the temperature. But the difference in temperatures does not spoil the German Carnival atmosphere. A little bit of „Schnaps“ certainly increases the „body temperature“.

The Spectacle starts every year on Thursday night, called a „Weiberfastnachtsdonnerstag“.

(A night when women assume control). Precisely at 11:11 pm the Women of the Regiment take over control in the town hall, which the men fear. Even the Mayor has to vacate his place.

On Monday preceding Ash Wednesday the crazy „Jecks“ travel to Cologne or Dusseldorf to take place in the Carnival, where even the top politicians are made fun of. Celebrations in Dorsten do also carry on and everybody is having great fun. On Ash Wednesday it is all over and the fasting can begin.